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NATIONAL SILKWORM SEED REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Silkworm Seed Regulatory Authority (NSSRA);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its terms of reference;

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to ensure quality of Silkworm seeds and also to safeguard the interest of silkworm farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Textiles has prepared the Bill for setting up regulatory mechanisms to ensure quality of silkworm seeds which requires approval of the competent authorities.

(c) & (d) Following steps have been taken by the Central Silk Board for supply of quality silkworm seed to the farmers and also to safeguard their interests:

(i) Central Silk Board is taking utmost care for the maintenance and multiplication of basic seeds which are supplied to the CSB units, State Sericulture Departments and licensed seed producers for further multiplication and supply of commercial seed to the farmers.

(ii) Central Silk Board is promoting the adopted seed rearers concept for the generation of quality seed cocoons.

(iii) Central Silk Board is providing extensive training in quality silkworm seed production to the licensed seed producers through the Silkworm Seed Technology Laboratory (SSTL) which has developed improved technology packages to improve the quality of silkworm seed.